



MEETING DATE: 4/3/06
ITEM NO. 2

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: MARCH 30, 2006
TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER
SUBJECT: DECLARE APRIL AS "VOTER EDUCATION MONTH"

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution declaring April as "Voter Education Month."

BACKGROUND:

The City Clerks Association of California and the Secretary of State have worked as partners to encourage all eligible citizens to register and vote. The City Clerks Association of California and the Secretary of State are asking California cities to support programs to provide nonpartisan information to their communities to encourage participation in the election process.

DISCUSSION:

Staff will encourage participation in the election process by providing information on where to vote, how to register, finding polling places, election results, and how to find information related to candidates. The attached resolution supports the efforts of the City Clerks Association and the Secretary of state, as well as sends a positive message to Los Gatos citizens about the importance of voting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

Attachments:

Resolution

Distribution:

City Clerks Association of California

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MarLyn Rasmussen, Clerk Administrator

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Reviewed by: PS Assistant Town Manager OK Town Attorney _____ Clerk Administrator
_____ Finance _____ Community Development

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS DECLARING APRIL AS "VOTER EDUCATION MONTH"

WHEREAS: The City Clerks Association of California and the Secretary of State have worked as partners to encourage all eligible citizens to register and vote, and;

WHEREAS: the month of April 2006 has been designated as "Voter Education Month" to encourage Los Gatos residents to vote in every election.

WHEREAS: the strength and vitality of a democratic society depend on the "consent of the governed" and that consent is given at the ballot box, and;

WHEREAS: the Town of Los Gatos supports programs to provide nonpartisan information to citizens to encourage them to participate in the election process, including how and when to register to vote, how to vote by mail, how to find information about candidates and issues, how to locate the appropriate polling place, and how to find election results on the night of the election, and;

WHEREAS: the Town has several programs, venues and activities to communicate with its residents and voters about the importance of voting;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of los Gatos officially endorses April as "Voter Education Month" and directs the Clerk Administrator to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk Administrator take appropriate action to encourage all eligible citizens of the Town of Los Gatos to register for and vote in every election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the 3rd day of April, 2006 by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA